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## **This Issue of the *Journal of Urban Health***

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This issue of the *Journal of Urban Health* covers the topic of urban bioethics. The New York Academy of Medicine established a center to consider and address issues related to urban bioethics. The director, Dr. Alan Fleischman, is the special editor of the papers collected in this issue. During the past year, the *Journal* has made a transition from primarily a publication of proceedings of the Academy to a journal of peer-reviewed, data-driven manuscripts. However, the field of urban bioethics and, certainly, other fields are relevant in generating discourse on urban health, but do not fit into the traditional format. The papers on urban bioethics were peer reviewed, and it became clear from assembling this issue that the *Journal* is enriched by encouraging this inclusion of perspectives from different disciplines.

We welcome these efforts and invite papers on urban health topics from different disciplines. Some topics of the upcoming issues include methods and findings related to health effects of social networks, handgun injuries, and social determinants of health.